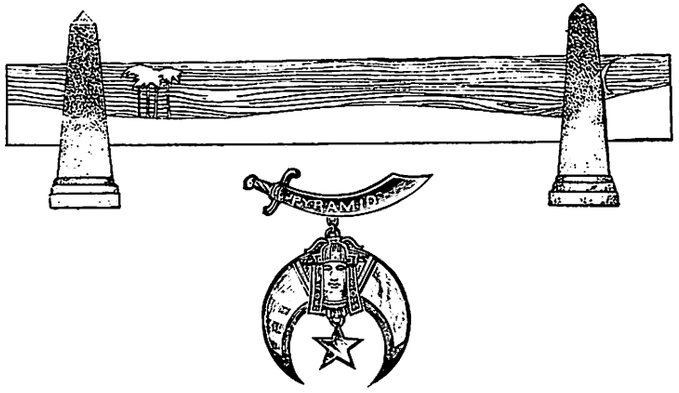
Pyramid Temple

JOHN J. FISHER
Illustrious Potentate



Illustrious Nobles, Greeting:

Having made the Pilgrimage over the hot sands of the desert to Mecca, in the Oasis of New Orleans, Desert of Louisiana, and having returned in safety into the midst of my brave and noble Arabs (Allah be praised), I extend my first and sincere greetings to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, and pray that Allah in each coming year may shower more profusely upon our Temple his choicest blessings.

I am deeply grateful to the Nobility for the great honor that has been conferred upon me, and with the assistance of the members of the Temple shall endeavor to maintain the high standard of excellence that has prevailed in the past, and at all times shall use my best efforts to promote the welfare of our noble order.

Yours in the Faith,

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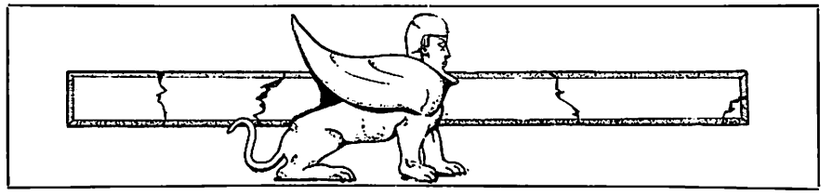


Es Selamu Aleikum

Illustrious Nobles, Attend!

A Ceremonial Session of Pyramid Temple will be held at Eagle's Hall, 67 Madison avenue, Oasis of Bridgeport, Desert of Connecticut, at 8 o'clock P.M., on the twenty-eighth day of Rabih Ul Akhir (fourth month) in the year 1328.

Answering to Monday, May 9th, 1910

Traditional Banquet will be served on the lower floor of Eagle's Hall, at the conclusion of first section.

Band Concert

Beginning at 7:30 P.M., a concert by Pyramid Temple's Own Shrine Band will be given, under the direction of Noble Frederick E. Brown.

Our Band is growing, Boys, so come early and listen to the music.

Vaudeville to come after the big show, so don't be in a hurry to get away.

Wear your Fez, and don't forget the **Red Card** for 1910.

A special dispensation has been granted to Pyramid Temple by Imperial Potentate Fred A. Hines to receive, ballot on petitions, and confer the Order of the Mystic Shrine at this session.

Candidates will report to the Recorder at Eagle's Hall not later than 7 o'clock P.M.

Recorder will be on hand at 6:45 to receive petitions for membership, and all petitions should be in his hands by 7 P. M.

Candidates will be permitted to witness the drills by the Arab Patrol at 8 P.M.

Candidates Are Wanted

Nobles, get a hustle on and bring in your candidates, as it is very important to have candidates if you expect to hold successful Ceremonial Sessions. ***The fee is $50.***

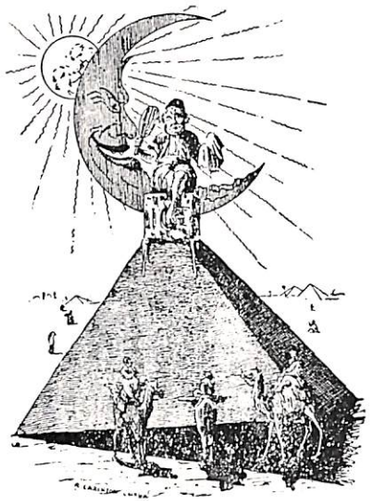
It is so ordered,

JOHN J. FISHER, Potentate
167 State Street
Bridgeport, Conn.

E. STEWART SUMNER, Recorder
129 Wall Street

Dearly Beloved Novices:

Remember that this ceremonial is on the 9th of the month; so prepare by sitting on a hot stove twice a day for a week. Milk your old cow standing on your head, with both hands and feet. Imagine she has a hump on her back and a crimp in her tail. Slide down your's or your neighbor's cellar door and think it a pyramid.



Don't forget to hold on to the ROPE! That terrible noise is only an imitation of the Battle of San Juan Hill.

We grease our Devil Slide with skunk oil, to avoid accident.

Be prepared for the worst. It's the best you'll get. Remember that only an eel is licensed to squirm.

Fifty-seven varieties. If you get it in the neck, be glad you are not a giraffe.

It is useless to take out an accident policy. If you get hurt it won't be an accident.

The candidates can wear what they think will be most conducive to their comfort. We would suggest a suit made of the heaviest tarpaulin, stuffed with steel springs.

If you have a favorite spot in the Cemetery, tell some one about it before you take leave of your family; also let it be known whether you desire a Masonic funeral.

Our ambulance, with physicians and trained nurses, will be within call.

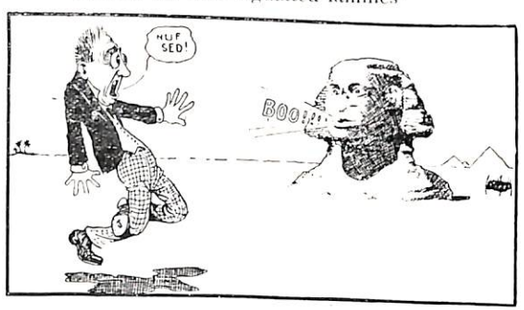
These few remarks are intended to allay any fears you may have, and to encourage you in the hope of delightful experiences awaiting you. Of course you realize that the best things in life are those that are hardest to obtain, and there is no cutting across-lots to Paradise. You may get through without fatal results, but you are not sure of anything. "Accidents will happen in the best regulated families"

Be sure and wear asbestos panties, and put a pie pan in the seat.

Leave your false teeth at home.

We will do unto you only as it has been done unto us.

You shall be satisfied.



To the Nobility:

Many things have happened since our last session, and many other things are about to happen. Winter is gone, spring is here, and the soft-snap crop was never more promising. The great scientist who discovered that the medicine of "perpetual youth" was made from dandelions and who brought the seed to America, is dead. The man who wrote "Dainty Little Dandelion, Bloomin' on the Lawn," is also dead. But should the shade of either be discovered during this Ceremonial, it will get what is coming to it. The bull frogs are joyous, and our band leader is getting his bass drum in tune, so come prepared for something is going to happen.

Entertainment

You have been to Coney Island, Chippy Island and many other islands—nay, some of you Nobles may even have gazed upon the notorious, naughty and nifty streets of Cairo (and the things thereon), but the sights you have seen cannot be compared mathematically, morally, musically or meritoriously with those in our side show. You have longed and longed for a long time for something lively, but you shall long no longer. Don't miss it. *It is great!* It is more than great. ***Come!***

A Few of the Girls in the Caravan

The uniform of a Shriner is the dress suit and Fez. While it is not an absolute requirement that this costume shall be worn, yet it is expected that the custom will be observed by the Nobles if possible.

Smoking is positively forbidden in the main hall during the first part of the session. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The outer guard is both deaf, dumb and blind to the application of members, for admission, without the Red Card; if you have not got it, the Recorder will be *d-e-l-i-g-h-t-e-d* to furnish you with one or more. Please bear in mind that the Recorder has no Fez to sell, loan or hire; bring your *own*, or go and comb your hair.

Visitors are cordially invited with Red Cards; otherwise to the basement.

Get out into the wilderness and round up a few victims

And for the third, and last time, don't forget the Red card

Notices and Cards

The Recorder is anxious to keep an accurate record of each member's address. Please notify him promptly of any change from that on the envelope containing notices mailed to you. Don't tell him at a session or on the street; put it down in black and white and mail it to him. Every member of the Shrine should procure his card as soon after January 1st as possible. The card for the current year is ***Red,*** and if you haven't one, you haven't paid your dues of $4.00 for the year 1910. Always pay by check or U. S. Postal Order where practicable. The 1910 cards are in the Recorder's hands for distribution. Please do not leave it until the day of the session, but procure it today!

Fez

Remember, the Fez must not be worn outside the Temple.

Visitors

Nobles who are members in good standing will be gladly welcomed, provided they have their cards for this year.

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws

Proposed amendments to By-Laws as suggested at the last annual meeting, and favorably reported by committee March 11th and ordered printed in this notice. To be voted upon at next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, 1910.

1. Article II, Section 5. The following addition: "At least two shall be Council Officers."

2. Article II, Section 11. Duties of the Recorder, after the word sessions: "He shall keep an absolutely correct list of the members, using such card system or other systems as the Potentate and Trustees shall direct."

3. Article IV, Section 1. To read after the words shall, and before if received: "Be accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars ($10.00) and"

Article IV, Section 3. Add the following after word elected: "But fails to present himself at the gates of the Temple within one year, the deposit made with application shall thereby be forfeited."

4. Article V, Section 3. Addition of the following: "The Potentate shall appoint from the membership in each town within our jurisdiction some Noble whose duty it shall be to aid the Potentate in promoting the welfare of the Temple and its members. To report removals, change of address and deaths within their respective towns to the Potentate and Recorder."

Resolutions

1. *Resolved,* The Temple shall supply each representative who attends the Imperial Session with exchange badges under the system much in vogue and as suggested by the Imperial Council.

2. *Resolved,* That all printing, whenever possible, be done under contract awarded to lowest bidder, with first class work guaranteed.

Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

OFFICIAL DIVAN, 1910

Illustrious Potentate	John J. Fisher
Chief Rabban	Angus H. MacKenzie
Assistant Rabban	Philip L. Holzer
High Priest and Prophet	George E. Crawford
Oriental Guide	Frank S. Slosson
Treasurer	William H. Marigold
Recorder	E. Stewart Sumner
First Ceremonial Master	August M. Engelhard
Second " "	Harry F. Parrott
Marshal	Fred E. Northrop
Captain of the Guard	Robert A. Beers
Outer Guard	John Johston
Director	D. Fairchild Wheeler
Alchemist	Dr. Edward B. Griffith
Pyrotechnist	Lacey R. Blackman
Master of Robes	Philip L. Wilkins
Inquisitor	Carleton E. Hoadley
Bandmaster	Frederick E. Brown
Master of Transportation	William E. Burnham
Assistant Master of Transportation	Swan B. Brewster
Commissary	Joseph C. Frisbie
Audit Committee	Thomas H. MacDonald Ebenezer S. Phillips Hugh Stirling
Chief of Arab Patrol	Frederic A. Bartlett
Lieutenant " "	Henry C. Stevenson
Delegates to the Imperial Council	John J. Fisher Carleton E. Hoadley James W. Porter Fred L. Gaylord

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John H. Wade, *Treasurer*

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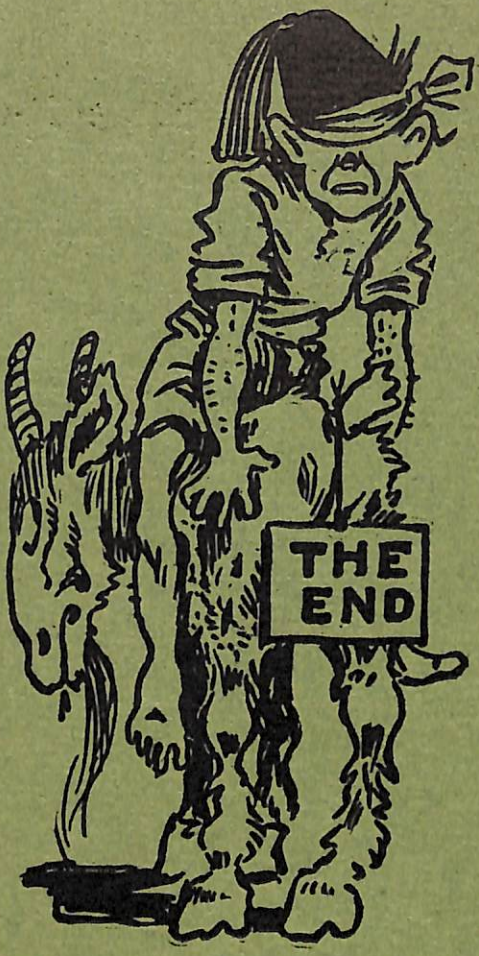
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